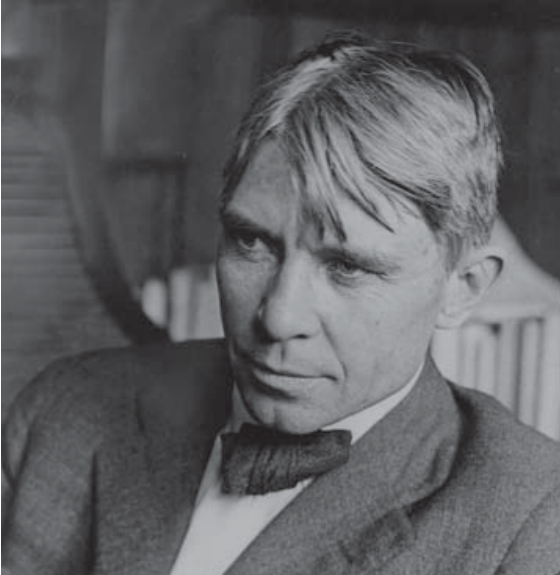




Education Internship



Carl Sandburg as a young accomplished poet (above); Connemara, his North Carolina home, pictured far left.

Carl Sandburg Home  
National Historic Site

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site is dedicated to preserving the legacy of Carl Sandburg through communicating the stories of his works, life and significance as an American poet, writer, historian, biographer of Abraham Lincoln, and social activist. This park also preserves and interprets the farm, Connemara, where Mr. Sandburg and his family lived for the last 22 years of his life (1945-1967).

Goals and Duties  
of Position

To foster an understanding and appreciation in young people of the contributions made by Carl Sandburg as a poet, historian, and American; also to share with young people the home and lifestyle of the Sandburg family at Connemara.

**Duties and Responsibilities**  
Assist Education Program Coordinator in preparing and presenting curriculum-based education programs.

Develop instructional materials to include pre-visit and post-visit activities (30%), lead existing on-site education programs (30%) and develop on-site program for 4th grade classes (20%). Track education group statistics and prepare report on education group visits (10%). Provide assistance to visitor center staff and other duties as assigned (10%).

**Dates and Length of Internship**  
Intern postions average 25 hours each week for 12 weeks; start dates for positions will vary.

Successful Applicants

Interns must have the ability to effectively present and create programs for a variety of school-aged audiences; knowledge of instructional techniques as related to learning styles and stages of development; have experience working with students in an educational setting; knowledge of or interest in American Literature and/or American History; one-year or more of related college coursework with a GPA of 2.5 or greater; valid driver’s license; ability to pass a background investigation; must agree to wear a National Park Service Volunteer-in-Parks uniform.

Benefits

Funding for a subsistence reimbursement may be available from the Friends of Carl Sandburg at Connemara. This is to help defray the cost of living while working as a volunteer intern.

Carl Sandburg Home may provide housing, partially furnished, including utilities; interns are responsible for phone service. There is no cable or satellite television service available in the park.

An opportunity to earn college credit, while receiving real-life experience working with students in an experiential setting; interns are responsible for arranging for credit through their respective college or university.

Gain practical, hands-on, experience working alongside National Park Service rangers and staff.

How to Apply

A cover letter that describes how your skills, knowledge and abilities will enable you to be successful in this internship; a completed internship application with one academic reference, one employment reference and one personal reference to the attention of:

Education Coordinator  
Carl Sandburg Home NHS  
81 Carl Sandburg Lane  
Flat Rock, NC 28731

Download the intern application from our website, [www.nps.gov/carl](http://www.nps.gov/carl); contact the park at 828/693-4178 or you may email the park at [Carl\\_Administration@nps.gov](mailto:Carl_Administration@nps.gov)

Deadlines for Internships:

**Applications accepted until:** end of January for Spring start; end of April for Summer start; end of July for Fall start.

**Selections Made By:** mid-February for Spring; mid-May for Summer; mid-August for Fall.

**Starting Date:** early to mid-March for Spring; early to mid-June for Summer; early to mid-September for Fall.

**End Date:** May-June for Spring; August-Sept. for Summer; November-December for Fall.

Location and Climate

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site is located at 2500’ elevation in the Village of Flat Rock, North Carolina. Just 3 miles south of Historic Hendersonville, NC, 22 miles south of Asheville, NC and 35 miles north of Greenville, South Carolina.

Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, there are many opportunities for outdoor pursuits. The area is rich in cultural heritage as well and is part of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area.

For more information on this region, visit the following websites:

[www.historichendersonville.org](http://www.historichendersonville.org)  
[www.ashevillechamber.org](http://www.ashevillechamber.org)  
[www.blueridgeheritage.com](http://www.blueridgeheritage.com)

Temperatures range from the high 20s fahrenheit in the winter months to high 80s in the summer months. Humidity levels vary throughout the year tending to be higher in the morning hours. Monthly precipitation averages four inches, which is a little over the U.S. average.

Inspiration

I Am the People, the Mob

I am the people – the mob – the crowd – the mass.  
Do you know that all the great work of the world is done through me?  
I am the audience that witnesses history. The Napoleons come from me and the Lincolns. They die. And then I send forth more Napoleons and Lincolns.  
I am the seed ground. I am a prairie that will stand for much plowing. Terrible storms pass over me. I forget. The best of me is sucked out and wasted. I forget. Everything but Death comes to me and makes me work and give up what I have. And I forget.  
Sometimes I growl, shake myself and spatter a few red drops for history to remember. Then – I forget.  
When I, the People, learn to remember, when I, the People, use the lessons of yesterday and no longer forget who robbed me last year, who played me for a fool – then there will be no speaker in all the world say the name: “The People,” with any fleck of a sneer in his voice or any far-off smile of derision.  
The mob – the crowd – the mass – will arrive then.

- Carl Sandburg, Chicago Poems, 1916